

Immigration Unit

**Unit Question: Should the U.S.
welcome all those who wish to
come?**

What do you know about **CURRENT
ISSUES** related to this topic?

How might this topic relate to the
HISTORY of this country?

What issues does this unit question raise?

- Why have immigrants come to the U.S. In the past and today?
- What effects have immigrants had on this country throughout its history?
- How have immigrants been received by those here before them?
- For what reason have some people opposed immigration at points in U.S. history?
- What challenges has immigration presented to the United States?

Immigrant: Someone who has moved from a different country to live in the U.S.

- Can be a non-citizen (alien) or a citizen
- Can be legally in the country or here illegally

Visa: Official permission to stay in the country for a limited time

- Different lengths depending on type of visa (example: 5 years for college student visa)

Naturalization: The process of becoming a U.S. Citizen

- Need to be legally in the country for 5 years before applying for citizenship
- We will learn more in this unit about the other requirements to naturalize
- Windham High School is hosting a naturalization ceremony **TODAY** for about 40 new citizens

Green Card: Permission to live permanently in the country as a non-citizen

- Green card holders are also called “legal permanent residents”
- Difficult to get
- Can be revoked if conditions are violated

Illegal Immigrant: A person in the country without permission (or with an expired visa)

Undocumented Immigrant: Same as above: A person in the country without permission (or with an expired visa)

Immigration Reform:

What ideas come to mind when you hear the above term?

- More border security?
- Make naturalization process easier?
- Change the requirements for who is allowed in?
- Punish employers who hire illegal workers?
- Deport anyone who is here without permission?
- Deport some, but not others?
- Forgive those who are already in the U.S.?

Amnesty: Forgiveness for breaking a law – it would allow illegal immigrants to apply for citizenship and enter the naturalization process

Your assignment:

- Use the internet to find a recent news story in which some aspect of our unit question is addressed
 - Try to stick to mainstream news sources (newspaper web sites, network or cable news)
 - Find actual news story, not an editorial/opinion piece
- Record the source and the date of the story, and write a one paragraph summary
- Make a connection to our big unit question